

Remarks

Reconsideration is requested in view of the above amendments and the following remarks. Claims 1 and 2 have been amended. New claims 3-10 have been added. Claims 1-10 are pending.

I. Amendments

With respect to claim 1, the amendments are supported by the original disclosure, for example page 3, lines 11-12 and 25; page 4, lines 1-2; and Figures 4 and 6.

With respect to claim 2, the amendments are supported by the original disclosure, for example page 3, lines 15-16; page 4, lines 4-5; and Figures 5, 6 and 13.

New claims 3-10 are supported by the original disclosure, for example page 3, lines 8-9, 17; page 4, lines 5-6; and Figures 1-13.

No new matter has been added.

II. Prior art rejections under 35 USC 102 and 103

Claim 1 is rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by US 2,020,808 to Speakman.

Claim 2 is rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by BR 8100906U.

Claim 1 is rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over BR 8100906U.

Applicant respectfully traverses each of these rejections.

A. Claims 1 and 3-8

With respect to Speakman, the rotisserie disclosed by Speakman does not appear to be a portable unit as claimed. Further, the rejection identifies the element 2 in Speakman as the base and element 1 as the cover. Claim 1 recites a plurality of spits rotatably mountable on the cover, and a drive mechanism disposed within the cover where the drive mechanism includes gears. In Speakman, the spits 5 are rotatably mounted on the lower portion of the rotisserie which the Examiner identifies as the base, and the gears in Speakman are mounted in the lower portion of

the rotisserie. Therefore, Speakman does not disclose spits rotatably mountable on the cover and a drive mechanism, including gears, disposed within the cover.

Further, Speakman does not disclose a stop mechanism that is configured to stop the cover at the approximate 90 degree orientation relative to the base when the cover is at the open position.

For at least these reasons, claim 1 is patentable over Speakman.

With respect to BR 8100906U, an English translation of this document is enclosed. This document does not disclose a stop mechanism that is configured to stop the cover at the approximate 90 degree orientation relative to the base when the cover is at the open position. The figures in this document show a top section at a 90 degree orientation relative to a bottom section. However, there is no disclosure of a stop mechanism.

For at least these reasons, claim 1 is patentable over BR 8100906U.

New claims 3-8 depend from claim 1 and are patentable along with claim 1.

B. Claims 2 and 9-10

BR 8100906U does not disclose a one-piece heating compartment shield configured to be supported by the base and shielding two sides and a front of the heating compartment. As illustrated in Figures 1 and 3 of BR 8100906U, the element 3 disclosed therein is composed of multiple pieces including a right side piece, a front piece, and a left side piece. The three pieces are secured to surrounding structure via screws and wing nuts. Figures 1 and 3 even show gaps between the front piece and the right and left side pieces. These gaps would allow wind to enter the grill area.

Claim 2 recites a one-piece heating compartment shield. The one-piece shield provides better protection to the grill area and eliminates the need for bolts, screws and the like which can become damaged by the heat.

For at least these reasons, claim 2 is patentable over BR 8100906U.

New claims 9-10 depend from claim 2 and are patentable along with claim 2.

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III. Conclusion

Applicant believes that the claims now pending in this patent application are in immediate condition for allowance. Favorable consideration is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner has any questions concerning this matter, the Examiner is encouraged to contact Applicant's Attorney James A. Larson, at (612) 336-4708.

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